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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 02/11/2009

To: Pittsburgh

From: Pittsburgh

Squad 9

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

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Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 279B-PG-77757 (Pending)
323E-PG-74802 (Pending) - 86Title: UNIDENTIFIED POWDER LETTER
SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER-VICTIM
02/09/2009
WMD

Synopsis: Report on response to powder letter received at the offices of Senator Arlen Specter and opening of a case.

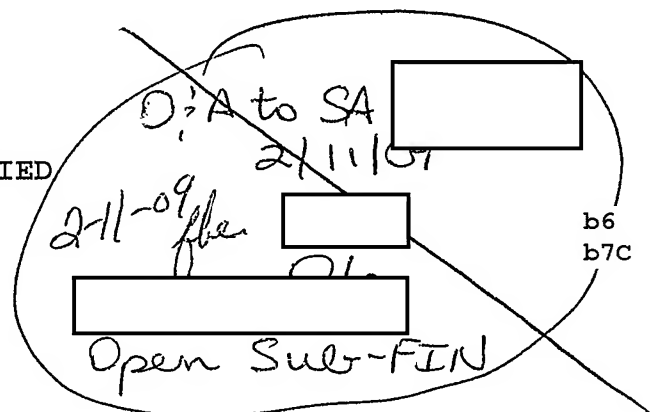
Details: On February 9, 2009, at approximately 1:00 p.m., FBI Pittsburgh was notified of the receipt of a letter containing an unidentified white powder at the office of Senator Arlen Specter, located at 425 Sixth Street, Suite 1450, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Responding agencies included City of Pittsburgh Fire, City of Pittsburgh Hazmat, City of Pittsburgh Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and U.S. Postal Inspectors.

The letter had been handled by a secretary in Senator Specter's office, and a small amount of a white unidentified substance fell from the envelope. At this time, the envelope was placed in a plastic bag and moved to an unoccupied room within the suite of offices. Above-captioned agencies responded and identified the addressee as:

Sen. Arlen Specter [sic]
425 Sixth Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa, 15219

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To: Pittsburgh From: Pittsburgh
Re: 279B-PG-, 02/11/2009

The listed return address was:

America On The One
5572 Penn Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206

The return address was identified by the city of Pittsburgh Police dispatch as a nonexistent address. The letter was postmarked from Pittsburgh, PA, on February 7, 2009. The envelope and letter were handwritten.

The language of the enclosed letter read as follows:

"Arlen
Get out of Government;
or you will be removed.

Thank you,
America"

A WMD Threat Assessment conference call was conducted by the WMD Coordinator with WMDOU and HMRU prior to any collection or testing being performed.

Approximately three tablespoons of an unidentified white powder was enclosed in the business-size envelope. The letter was field-screened with a multi-Rae tool and a Ludlum device. Readings for both tools were consistent with background readings. An infrared device reading resulted in a presumptive identification of the powder as 95.1 percent sweetener, dextrose or saccharin. A Bio-system check was negative for the existence of proteins, and pH readings were neutral. As such, the letter was deemed safe for transport.

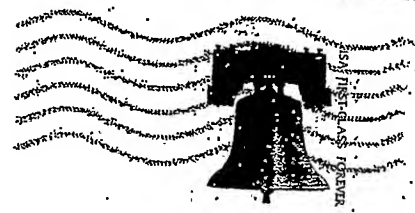
Personnel within Senator Specter's office were requested by U.S. Capitol Police to stay on site until the field screening and testing of the powder was complete. Office personnel were provided a briefing by the WMD Coordinator concerning the initial field test results of the unidentified white powder. No recent threats or similar mailings had been previously received in the office. The office employee who had opened the letter did not experience any medical symptoms or reaction to the powder.

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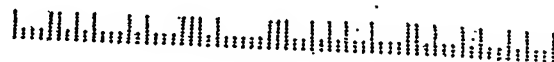
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